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NOVEMBER MILK PRICES INCREASED FROM OCTOBER

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during November were up from a month earlier, according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Office. The price of eggs and hay also increased. The price of corn, potatoes, and apples decreased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$14.80 per hundredweight of milk sold during November, up 50 cents from October but \$2.60 less than November a year ago. Poultry producers received an average of 86.3 cents per dozen eggs sold, up 19.8 cents from October but 6.3 cents lower than last year.

Grain corn, at \$3.90 per bushel, was down 62 cents from October and decreased 17 cents from last year. Hay averaged \$129.00 per ton, up \$14.00 from October and up \$15.00 from November 2008. Potatoes averaged 12.40 per hundredweight, down 30 cents from October and \$3.30 from last year at this time. Apples, at 25.1 cents per hundredweight, were down 13 cents from last year.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 134 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from October. The Crop Index is down 1 point (0.7 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, eggs, milk, and tomatoes and lower prices for apples, broccoli, strawberries, and grapes. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cotton, cattle, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and lettuce. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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